High speed wireless broadband map

2321. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up a scheme to put villages across the country on the high speed wireless broadband map in the next few years;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether the villages where broadband facilities would be provided have since been identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the infrastructure work in the villages have since commenced for broadband network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has drawn a scheme for deployment of wireless broadband technology using broadband wireless access for providing last mile connectivity in the villages. The project envisages provision of 1000 Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) in Phase-I and 6863 BTSs in Phase-II as per the details given in the Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below) respectively. The villages falling within a radius of about 5-10 kms from BTS will be covered with wireless broadband service. The BTS under Phase-I and Phase-II deployment have been planned for completion by March 2010 and March 2011 respectively.

Statement-I

Circle-wise details of deployment of 1000 BTSs in Phase-I

Sl.No.	Circle	Number of BTS
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	184
2.	Assam	28
3.	Bihar	124
4.	Chhattisgarh	40
5.	Chennai Telecom Distt.	1
6.	Gujarat	15
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11
8.	Haryana	20

1	2	3
9.	Jharkhand	59
10.	Karnataka	16
11.	Maharashtra	63
12.	Madhya Pradesh	63
13.	North East-I	29
14.	North East-II	40
15.	Orissa	107
16.	Punjab	21
17.	Rajasthan	32
18.	Tamil Nadu	22
19.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	50
20.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	30
21.	Uttarakhand	13
22.	West Bengal	32
	TOTAL	1000

Statement-II

Circle-wise details of deployment of 6863 BTSs in Phase-II

Sl.No.	Circle	Number of BTS
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	317
2.	Assam	198
3.	Bihar	512
4.	Chhattisgarh	348
5.	Chennai Telecom Distt.	15
6.	Gujarat	96
7.	Himachal Pradesh	220
8.	Haryana	73
9.	Jharkhand	470
10.	Kerala	0

1	2	3
11.	Karnataka	154
12.	Maharashtra	569
13.	Madhya Pradesh	812
14.	North East-I	110
15.	North East-II	78
16.	Orissa	538
17.	Punjab	24
18.	Rajasthan	797
19.	Tamil Nadu	201
20.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	185
21.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	736
22.	Uttarakhand	107
23.	West Bengal	195
24.	Jammu and Kashmir	108
25.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0
	TOTAL	6863

Agreement with foreign telecom service providers

2322. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL and MTNL propose to enter into agreement with foreign telecom service providers for sharing their respective networks;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any terms have been fixed for providing foreign telecom service providers to collaborate with BSNL/MTNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and likely benefit accrue to Government by such agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) Sir, BSNL proposes to enter into 9 agreements with the foreign telecom carriers/telecom service providers to facilitate both way flow of transit and terminating voice and data traffic to basically serve the enterprise customers.